

Deep Condolences for Chinese People's Great Leader Chairman Mao at Chinese Missions Abroad

Mauritius

Prime Minister Seewoosagur Ramgoolam of Mauritius called at the Chinese Embassy in Port Louis on September 11 to extend condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

On September 10, the representative of the Governor-General of Mauritius made a condolence call at the Chinese Embassy.

Among the 600 people calling at the Chinese Embassy from September 10 to 13 were Mauritian Cabinet Ministers, President of the Mauritius-China Friendship Association, well-known personages and representatives of Chinese residents in Mauritius. They all expressed deep condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Iran

Jaafar Sharif Emami, President of the Iranian Senate, Abdollah Riazi, Speaker of the Majlis (the National Consultative Assembly) and other Iranian leaders called at the Chinese Embassy in Teheran on September 11 and several days after to express their deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Among the mourners at the Chinese Embassy also were Amir Assadollah Alam, Minister of Imperial Court; Manoutchehr Eghbal, Chairman of the Board and General Managing Director of the National Iranian Oil Company; Abbas Ali Khalatbari, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Gholam Reza Azhari, Chief of the Supreme Commander's Staff of the Armed Forces, and a military delegation led by him and other high government officials.

Many Iranian friendly personages, Chinese residents residing in Iran also made condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy.

Nepal

Many Nepalese government officials and friends from various circles have called at the Chinese Em-

bassy in Kathmandu to express heartfelt condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Among the more than 1,700 persons paying condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy by September 12 were Nayan Bahadur Khatri, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; Ram Hari Sharma, Chairman of the National Panchayat; Bedananda Jha, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Council of State; Rabindra Nath Sharma, Acting Foreign Minister and Minister of Law, Justice and Communications; other leading Nepalese government officials; high-ranking officers; former Prime Ministers Bista, Thapa and Acharya; Mani Harsha Jyoti, President of the Nepal-China Cultural Association; and Poorna Bahadur, Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the Nepal-China Friendship Association; as well as other Nepalese friendly personages and prominent figures.

Iraq

Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr on September 12 delegated the Chief of Protocol of the Presidency to call at the Chinese Embassy in Baghdad to offer on his behalf deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Shebli Al Aysami, Assistant Secretary-General of the National Leadership of the Iraqi Arab Baath Socialist Party (A.B.S.P.), made a condolence call at the Chinese Embassy on September 11. In the condolence book he wrote: "In the name of the National Leadership of the A.B.S.P., I hereby offer heartfelt condolences to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and the great Chinese people on the death of the great leader Mao Tsetung, who led modern China along the road of unity, progress and socialism. Blessed be the soul of the departed and sincere condolences to his kin and to the friendly Chinese people."

Saddam Hussein, Vice-Chairman of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command Council, called at the Chinese Embassy in Baghdad on September 18 to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Saddam Hussein stood in silent tribute before the portrait of Chairman Mao, then wrote in the condolence

book: "China has lost a great leader who made numerous praiseworthy contributions to the building of socialism. We express condolences and sympathy to the friendly Chinese Government and people as well as to his bereaved family."

On behalf of the Iraqi Government, Foreign Minister Saadoun Hamadi on September 13 visited the Chinese Embassy to express deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Members of the A.B.S.P. National Leadership and regional leadership, high-ranking officials, leading members of mass organizations and friendly figures of various circles in the capital have also extended condolences at the Chinese Embassy.

Representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organizations, Palestinian guerrillas and mass organizations as well as some Palestinian freedom fighters made condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy and laid wreaths before the portrait of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Trinidad and Tobago

Cuthbert Joseph, Minister of External Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago, called at the Chinese Embassy in Port of Spain on the afternoon of September 15 to extend condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

He observed silent tribute in front of the portrait of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

On September 11 and several days after many Trinidad and Tobago government officials and friendly personages and Chinese residents also made condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy.

Among the mourners were also visiting friendly personages from Barbados and Martinique.

Sao Tome and Principe

Manuel Pinto da Costa, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe and General Secretary of the Liberation Movement of Sao Tome and Principe, and Madame Costa called at the Chinese Embassy in Sao Tome and Principe on September 10 to express condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Making condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy were also Leonel Mario d'Alva, President of the People's Assembly of Sao Tome and Principe and Foreign Minister; Guilherme Neto, Vice-President of the People's Assembly; Miguel Trovoada, Prime Minister; and other high-ranking officials as well as representatives of a number of mass organizations.

Cameroon

Cameroonian Prime Minister Paul Biya called at the Chinese Embassy in Yaounde on September 18 to extend deep condolences on behalf of President Ahmadou Ahidjo, the Government and people of Cameroon on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Prime Minister Paul Biya wrote in the book of condolence: "Chairman Mao showed to the third world countries that their development and progress should in the first place be the work of their own peoples." He also wrote: "After his passing, he will remain, by his writings and his example, a source of inspiration for the peoples in centuries to come."

Earlier, Salomon Tandeng Muna, President of the National Assembly of the United Republic of Cameroon, called at the Chinese Embassy to express his profound condolences.

Those who have made condolence calls since September 10 included Felix Sabal Lecco, President of the Economic and Social Council of Cameroon; Sadou Daoudou, Minister of State for the Armed Forces; Jean Keutcha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and other high-ranking officials and Cameroonian friends from various circles.

With sorrow and respect the mourners stood in silent tribute before the portrait of Chairman Mao Tsetung. They wrote tributes in the condolence book.

Uganda

Ugandan Foreign Minister Juma Oris called at the Chinese Embassy in Kampala on September 13 to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung on behalf of President Idi Amin and the Ugandan Government and people.

Foreign Minister Oris said to Chinese Ambassador Ke Pu-hai: "The great leader Chairman Mao, who was well-known in this world, had done a lot for China, Uganda and the world at large." "The death of Chairman Mao is not only a loss to China but also a loss to us here in Uganda and the whole world," he added.

Other government officials, friendly personages, representatives of Chinese residents in Uganda have also paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy since September 9.

Denmark

Anker Joergensen, Prime Minister of Denmark, called at the Chinese Embassy in Copenhagen on the morning of September 16 to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Paying condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy earlier on September 10 were Knud Borge Andersen, Foreign Minister; Ivar Norgaard, Minister for Foreign Economic Affairs and Nordic Affairs; and other government officials.

Benito Scocozza, Chairman, and Morten Meisner, International Secretary, of the Central Committee of the Communist League Marxist-Leninists of Denmark, also went to the Chinese Embassy on September 10 to express condolences and laid wreaths in front of Chairman Mao Tsetung's portrait.

Per Fynbos, President, and Philip Arctander, Vice-President, of the Denmark-China Friendship Association, friendly personages from various circles and Chinese residents in Denmark also paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy.

Finland

Finnish President Urho Kekkonen sent a representative to the Chinese Embassy in Helsinki on September 11 to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Speaker of the Finnish Parliament Veikko Helle, Prime Minister Martti Miettunen, Foreign Minister Kalevi Sorsa, and other government officials also paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy.

Condolence calls were also made by Ilkka Taipale and Juhani Heikura, Vice-Chairmen of the Finland-China Society; Vieno Sukselainen, former Speaker of the Finnish Parliament, and leading members of the Marxist-Leninist groups of Finland as well as friendly personages of various circles.

The Netherlands

Joop M. den Uyl, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and Max van der Stoep, Minister of Foreign Affairs, called at the Chinese Embassy in The Hague on September 14 to mourn the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The Prime Minister extended to Chinese Ambassador Chen Hsin-jen his deep condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung and his sympathy for the Chinese people.

C. Petersen, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Party of the Netherlands; K. De Boer, Political Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Unitarian Movement of the Netherlands (Marxist-Leninist), and many friendly personages recently went to the Chinese Embassy in The Hague to offer deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Over 1,200 mourners from various circles called at the Chinese Embassy from September 10 to 18, including de Graaff, Director of the Office of the Royal Household, and other high-ranking Dutch government officials, military officers as well as Director of the

London International Institute for Strategic Studies van der Beugel, and other noted figures.

The Dutch States-General held a memorial ceremony for Chairman Mao Tsetung on the afternoon of September 9 before the beginning of the debate in the Second Chamber. The ceremony was presided over by President of the Second Chamber Anne Vondeling.

In the memorial speech, President Anne Vondeling said that Chairman Mao Tsetung is a "great statesman, scholar and warrior who was, during many years, the political leader of, by this time, 800 million people." The President said that everybody, regardless of his political views, "must have been impressed by his courage and persistence."

In a special statement to the Second Chamber, the Dutch Foreign Minister van der Stoep spoke of the great import Chairman Mao Tsetung had in the past half century for the political and social development of China.

He continued: "In Mao Tsetung the Chinese nation has lost a great leader and statesman. Even after his death he will live on in his writings. Our thoughts go out to the Chinese people and Government, to whom we express our deeply felt sympathy."

After the Foreign Minister made his statement, all Members of Parliament stood in silent tribute to the memory of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Belgium

Leo Tindemans, Prime Minister of Belgium, called at the Chinese Embassy in Brussels on September 17 to express deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Prime Minister Tindemans wrote in the book of condolence: "In my own name and on behalf of the Belgian Government, I express sincere condolences."

He was accompanied by Willy de Clercq, Belgian Minister of Finance.

Baron de Posch, Master of Ceremonies of the Royal Court of Belgium, called at the Chinese Embassy on the same day to offer condolences.

Earlier, Pierre Harmel, President of the Belgian Senate; and Andre Dequae, President, and Albert Parisi, Vice-President, of the Chamber of Representatives, also called at the Chinese Embassy to express condolences.

From September 11 to 14 over 400 people called at the Chinese Embassy to pay respects to the memory of Chairman Mao. Among them were Renaat van Elsende, Foreign Minister of Belgium; Christopher Soames, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities; and other high-ranking officials of the Belgian Government and the Commission of the European Communities.

Rene Dekkers, Chairman, Jean Nihon and Xavier Relécom, Vice-Chairmen, of the Belgium-China Association; Adolphe Franck, President of the Luxem-

bourg-China Friendship Association; prominent figures from various circles, workers and students also called at the Chinese Embassy to extend condolences.

Fernand Lefebvre, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Communist Party of Belgium, and Charles Doerner, Secretary of the Political Bureau of the Communist League of Luxembourg, went to the Chinese Embassy respectively on September 11 and 13 to express deep condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Federal Republic of Germany

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, called at the Chinese Embassy in Bonn on September 13 to express profound condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Earlier, on September 9, State Secretary of the Foreign Ministry Walter Gehlhoff, on behalf of West German President Walter Scheel and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, made a condolence call at the Chinese Embassy.

From September 9 to 13, more than 450 persons called at the Chinese Embassy to express their condolences. They included Hans-Juergen Wischnewski, State Minister of the Foreign Ministry; Detlev Rohwedder, State Secretary of the Economics Ministry; Willy Brandt, Chairman of the Social Democratic Party; Kurt Biedenkopf, General Secretary of the Christian Democratic Union; Hoffmann, General Director of the Free Democratic Party; friendly personages from all walks of life in various parts of West Germany and patriotic overseas Chinese in the country;

Calling at the Chinese Embassy to express condolences were also leading members of the Communist Party of Germany (K.P.D.); the Communist Party of Germany (Marxist-Leninist), the Communist League of West Germany, the Communist Workers' Union of Germany and Germany-China friendship organizations in various parts of the country.

Anniemarie Renger, President of the West German Bundestag, called at the Chinese Embassy on September 15 to mourn the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, the great leader of the Chinese people.

From September 14 to 18, many West German political figures and other friendly personages paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy. Among them were Karl Carstens, Chairman of the Parliamentary Group of the Opposition, Christian Democratic Union-Christian Social Union; Heinz Kuehn, Minister-President of North Rhine-Westphalia; Johannes Ziegler, Mayor of Cologne; and Daniels, Mayor of Bonn.

Franz-Josef Strauss, Chairman of the Christian Social Union, sent a special envoy to the Chinese Embassy to present the following message of condolence written by himself: "I shall remember for ever the unforgettable conversation I had with the deceased on

January 16, 1975. I hereby express my deep mourning for him."

Britain

British government officials, personages of political circles, and leading members of various friendly organizations have since September 9 gone to the Chinese Embassy in London to offer condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Anthony Crosland, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, called at the Chinese Embassy on the afternoon of September 13 to offer condolence on behalf of the British Government.

Former British Prime Minister Edward Heath called at the Chinese Embassy in London on the evening of September 9 to extend condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He also expressed profound sympathy to the Chinese people.

Mr. Heath presented a public statement by himself to the Chinese Charge d'Affaires ad interim. The statement says: "It has fallen to few men to play so large a part in the creation of their country as Mao Tsetung did for the People's Republic of China. As a man of action and as a philosopher he provided both the practical leadership and the intellectual support in the revolution from which a united China emerged."

The statement says: "His immense grasp of international affairs, combined with his knowledge of history, enabled him to think in terms of world strategy."

The statement says in conclusion: "I express my profound sympathy to his widow and the Chinese people at his death."

Calling at the Chinese Embassy were also: Reginald Maudling, Spokesman for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the Conservative Party; Lord Byers, leader of the Liberal Party in the House of Lords; Malcolm MacDonald, President, and Lord Trevelyan, Vice-President, of the Great Britain-China Centre; Felix Greene, Chairman of the Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding; and Lord Nelson, President of the Sino-British Trade Council.

Reg Birch, Chairman of the Communist Party of Britain (Marxist-Leninist) also called at the Chinese Embassy on the afternoon of September 13 to mourn the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. Leading member of the Party William Ash and more than 40 Party members made condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy on September 9.

With profound grief, British friends from various circles and Asian, African and Latin American friends residing in Britain streamed to the Chinese Embassy to offer condolences.

Patriotic overseas Chinese residing in various parts of the country also came to the Chinese Embassy to express deep condolences on the death of the great leader Chairman Mao Tsetung.

The Society for Anglo-Chinese Understanding held a rally of several hundred people on the afternoon of September 13 to pay tribute to Chairman Mao Tsetung.

In New York

In the nine days — September 10-18 — about 1,700 people including permanent representatives and observers to the United Nations from more than 120 countries of the five continents, American friends of all circles and overseas Chinese in the United States called at the Chinese Mission at the United Nations to express condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and other high U.N. officials also called at the Chinese Mission to express their condolences.

Also paying condolence calls at the Mission were representatives from the Organization of African Unity, the Palestine Liberation Organization, the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania, the South West African National Union and some other organizations of the national-liberation movement.

Many American friendly personages and friends from all walks of life made special trips to New York to mourn the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung at the Chinese Mission. Among them were Rafal Anglada Hopez, William Hinton, Susan Warren, and American Professors of Chinese descent: Yang Chen-ning, Li Cheng-tao, Wu Chien-hsiung, Yuan Chia-liu, Lin Chia-chiao, Wang Ho and Chin Tsu-yi, as well as Yeh Nan and Li Ku-hung.

Representatives from the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association and the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations as well as officials from the New York City Administration also offered their condolences at the Chinese Mission.

A large number of overseas Chinese in various parts of the United States sent representatives to the Chinese Mission to express deep condolences and present wreaths. Patriotic Taiwan compatriots residing in the United States expressed determination during their condolence calls at the Mission to carry on the cause left behind by Chairman Mao and to make contributions to the liberation of Taiwan and unification of the motherland.

Hundreds of wreaths were presented by numerous diplomatic missions, organizations and people from all walks of life. Wreaths were also presented by the U.S. October League (Marxist-Leninist) and the U.S. Revolutionary Communist Party.

Turkey

On behalf of President of the Republic of Turkey Fahri Koruturk, Principal Secretary of the President's Office Fuat Bayramoglu called at the Chinese Embassy in Ankara on September 14 to express deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Alparslan Turkes and Minister of Foreign Affairs Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy on September 13 and September 10 respectively.

Bulent Ecevit, former Prime Minister and President of the Turkish Republican People's Party, also called at the Chinese Embassy to mourn the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Also paying condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy were Ambassador Ozdemir Benler, who visited China recently as Special Envoy of the Turkish Government, other Turkish government officials, members of the Grand National Assembly, friendly personages and people from various circles.

Before leaving for a visit abroad, President of the Turkish Senate Tekin Ariburun sent a letter to Chinese Ambassador to Turkey Wei Yung-ching, expressing profound condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. The Chinese Embassy has also received messages and letters from various parts of Turkey expressing deep condolences.

Kenya

Kenyan Foreign Minister Munyua Waiyaki, on behalf of the Kenyan Government, called at the Chinese Embassy in Nairobi on September 13 to extend condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Accompanying the Foreign Minister on the condolence call were other officials of the Kenyan Foreign Ministry.

Also making condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy were other Kenyan government officials, personages from various circles and Chinese residents in Kenya.

Austria

The Presidents of the two Councils of the Austrian Parliament, government officials and personages of various circles, totalling more than 500, have called at the Chinese Embassy in Vienna since September 9 to express condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Among the mourners at the Embassy were: Anton Benya, President, Roland Minkowitsch, Second President, and Otto Probst, Third President, of the National Council of Parliament; R. Schweiger, President, and F. Skotton, Vice-President, of the Federal Council of Parliament; Friedrich Gehart, Director of the Department of the Federal Chancellery who represents Austrian Federal Chancellor Bruno Kreisky; Erich Bielka-Karltau, Minister of Foreign Affairs; other high government officials and military officers; and leading members of various political parties.

Victor Brodnig, President of the Austria-China Society, and Bruno Pittermann, Chairman of the Austrian

Research Institute on China, also made condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy.

Franz Strobl, First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Marxist-Leninist Party of Austria, Alfred Jocha, Chairman of the Austrian Revolutionary Workers' Association (Marxist-Leninists) and Walter Lindner, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist League of Austria, also offered their condolences at the Embassy.

During his condolence call, R. Minkowitsch said to Chinese Ambassador Yu Pei-wen: "In the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, China has lost a great man, so has the world. Your grief is ours too."

First Secretary F. Strobl told the Ambassador: The death of Chairman Mao Tsetung is a tremendous loss to mankind. His passing has brought grief not only to you but to us. The great heart of Chairman Mao has ceased to beat, yet his thought is invincible for ever. We must turn our grief into strength and fight for the realization of communism.

Chairman A. Jocha wrote in the condolence book: "Mao Tsetung Thought is evergreen and a guide to us working people."

Secretary W. Lindner said to the Chinese Ambassador: "The death of Chairman Mao Tsetung is an irreparable loss to the proletariat of the world. We will, like the Chinese people, turn grief into strength and strengthen our struggle in order to win still greater victory."

Sweden

Gunnar Lagergren, Aide-de-Camp of the Royal Court of Sweden, on behalf of Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia, went to the Chinese Embassy in Stockholm on the afternoon of September 15 to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

More than 300 officials and friendly personages from various circles have made condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy. Among them were: Sven Andersson, Swedish Foreign Minister; General Stig Synnergren, Supreme Commander; Lieutenant-General C. Gunnar Eklund, Chief of the General Staff, other senior officials and high-ranking officers.

Also paying condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy were Roland Pettersson, Chairman, Klas Borell, Second Vice-Chairman, and Christer Lundgren, International Secretary, of the Communist Party of Sweden; Ronny Schueler, Chairman of the Swedish Red Youth; Hans Jonsson, Chairman of the Swedish Clarte Federation; Christer Leopold, Chairman, and Torbjoern Wikland and Sven Andersson, Vice-Chairmen, of the Swedish-Chinese Friendship Association.

Representatives of national-liberation organizations in southern Africa to Sweden and representatives of Chinese residents in Sweden also paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy.

Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme said in a statement on September 9 on the passing of Chairman

Mao: "Chairman Mao Tsetung, a great leader in world history, has departed. His name and work will be linked for ever with the Chinese people's liberation struggle. Under his leadership, China got out of the abyss of colonialism and feudalism. Mao Tsetung's role is not confined only to China. His idea that the strength of man's will can reform our conditions of survival has influenced the people of the whole world."

Spain

Spanish government officials and people from various circles have called at the Chinese Embassy in Madrid to mourn the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

On behalf of His Majesty the King of Spain and the Spanish Government, Spanish Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja Aguirre made a condolence call at the Chinese Embassy on September 11. He wrote in the condolence book: "On behalf of His Majesty the King and the Spanish Government, I express deep condolences on the passing of such a great figure. He acquired such a uniquely outstanding position in the history of our time. He will live for ever in the memory of all people."

Earlier, on September 10, King Juan Carlos presented a wreath to the Chinese Embassy to mourn the death of Chairman Mao.

Making condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy were other government officials and friendly personages of various circles.

Large numbers of Spanish people offered their condolences at the Chinese Embassy with sincere and sorrowful sentiments. They included workers, employees, students and other citizens. Many Chinese residents in the country also paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy.

Switzerland

Pierre Graber, Member of the Federal Council and Head of the Political Department of Switzerland, on behalf of the Swiss Federal Government, called at the Chinese Embassy in Berne on September 13 to express condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He said to Chinese Ambassador Li Yun-chuan: "In my own name and in the name of my government, I express deep condolences to you."

Condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy were also paid by high-ranking Swiss officials and military officers; noted personages of various circles, leading members of organizations of friendship with China, and Chinese residents in Switzerland.

Hungary

On behalf of the Government, the Presidential Council and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, Szeker Gyula, Vice-Premier of the Hungarian Government; Ortutay Gyula, Member of the Presidential Council of the Hungarian People's Republic; and Szarka Karoly, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, respective-

ly called at the Chinese Embassy in Budapest on September 13 to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Poland

Alojzy Karkoszka, Vice-Chairman of the Polish Council of Ministers, and Stefan Olszowski, Minister of Foreign Affairs, called at the Chinese Embassy in Warsaw on September 13 to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

On behalf of the highest state authorities of the Polish People's Republic, Vice-Chairman Karkoszka expressed deep condolences to Chinese Ambassador to Poland Liu Shu-ching on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

After learning of the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung, a number of friendly personages in Poland telephoned, wired, wrote or called at the Chinese Embassy to express deep grief and heartfelt condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Mongolia

Dondogiin Tsebegmid, Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Mongolia; Mangal Dugersuren, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Yondogiin Ochir, Minister of Foreign Trade; and Sandagiin Sosorbaram, Minister of Culture, called at the Chinese Embassy in Ulan Bator on September 10 to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Greece

Greek government leaders and friendly personages from various circles have called at the Chinese Embassy in Athens to express condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Constantine Papaconstantinou, President of the Greek Parliament, and Demetrios Bitsios, Foreign Minister, were among the mourners calling at the Embassy.

George Mavros, Leader of the Union of the Democratic Centre, also paid a condolence call at the Chinese Embassy.

Other mourners at the Chinese Embassy included former Prime Minister Panayotis Kanellopoulos, former Minister I. Zighdis and friendly personages from various circles.

Greek Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis issued a statement in Athens on September 9 on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He said: "Undoubtedly, Chairman Mao has been one of the greatest personalities of our era, because he has not only changed

the history of his great country but also changed the correlation of forces on a world level."

Malta

Camilleri, Secretary to the President, and Joe Camilleri, Secretary to the Cabinet, made condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy on September 10 respectively on behalf of President Anthony J. Mamo and his wife and Prime Minister Dom Mintoff and his wife.

Among other mourners at the Embassy were Speaker of Parliament E. Attard Bezzina, Minister of Health Albert V. Hyzler and other government officials.

Making condolence calls were also Leader of the Nationalist Party of Malta Borg Olivier, Chairman of the Progressive Constitutional Party Mabel Strickland and other Maltese friends including workers, youths and women.

San Marino

Giancarlo Ghironzi, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of San Marino, on behalf of the Heads of State, the Government and people of his country, made a special visit to the Chinese Embassy in Rome on September 18 to extend deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He said: "There exists a profound friendship between the people of San Marino and China. The Government and people of San Marino share the grief with the Chinese people."

Peru

Many government officials and people of other circles in Peru have called at the Chinese Embassy in Lima since September 9 to mourn the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

At noon on September 9, Peruvian President Francisco Morales Bermudez sent his aide-de-camp, Jorge Quiros, to the Chinese Embassy as his personal representative to express deep condolences.

Foreign Minister Jose de la Puente Radbill made a condolence call at the Chinese Embassy on the same day. He said: Not only the Chinese people but the whole world grieve for the departure of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He made it clear that endeavours will be made to develop the friendly relations between Peru and China on the basis of mutual respect.

Among others who paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy were government officials and military officers, members of mass organizations, friends from various walks of life and representatives of Chinese residents in the country. Some of them inscribed their deep mourning in the condolence book.

Former Prime Minister Edgardo Mercado Jarrin wrote in the book that at this moment of great distress, "your grief is shared by all peoples of the third world."

Luis Delboy, a Peruvian friend who had worked in China, wrote that the brilliance of Chairman Mao Tsetung will "illuminate our hearts for ever."

Venezuela

Beginning on September 10, Venezuelan government officials and personages of various circles called at the Chinese Embassy in Caracas to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Among them were Ramon Escovar Salom, Foreign Minister; Valentin Hernandez Acosta, Minister of Mines and Petroleum; and Perez Yopez, Representative of the President of the Venezuelan Congress Gonzalo Barrios.

Also paying condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy were Victor Ochoa, First Vice-President of the Venezuela-China Friendship Association; Wu Tien-te, President of the Overseas Chinese Association; friendly Venezuelan personages of various circles and Chinese residents in Venezuela.

German Democratic Republic

Officials of the German Democratic Republic (G.D.R.) called at the Chinese Embassy in the G.D.R. on September 13 to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. They were: Paul Verner, Member of the State Council; Gunter Mittag, First Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers; Gerhard Weiss, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers; Oskar Fischer, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Heinz Eichler, Member of the Presidium of the People's Chamber; and other officials.

Representatives of a number of G.D.R. mass organizations, friendly personages, as well as Chinese residents in the country also made condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy.

Czechoslovakia

Vaclav Hula and Matej Lucan, Deputy Premiers of Czechoslovakia; Ladislav Supka, Minister of Technological and Investment Development; and other officials called at the Chinese Embassy in Prague on September 14 to extend condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Friendly personages and overseas Chinese have also paid condolence calls at the Embassy since September 11.

Togo

Atus-Koffi Amega, President of the Supreme Court and Member of the Political Bureau of the Rally of the Togolese People, called at the Chinese Embassy in Lome on September 11 to offer condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

On September 20, Togolese Foreign Minister Edem Kodjo, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Togo, called at the Chinese Embassy to extend profound condolences.

Condolence calls have been paid at the Chinese Embassy since September 9 by other high-ranking government officials, leading members of mass organizations and friendly personages of various circles.

Many Togolese friends wrote in the condolence book praising Chairman Mao Tsetung. A number of friendly Togolese organizations and some Togolese friends sent letters to the Chinese Embassy expressing deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Chile

On behalf of the Chilean Government, Patricio Carvajal Prado, Chilean Foreign Minister, and Commander Carlos Pinto Caceres, Naval Aide-de-Camp of the President of the Republic of Chile, called at the Chinese Embassy in Santiago on the afternoon of September 9 to extend deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Also calling at the Chinese Embassy to offer condolences were high-ranking Chilean government officials and military officers and friendly personages of various circles.

Argentina

Argentine leaders, military officers and government officials and friendly personages from various circles have written letters to or called at the Chinese Embassy in Buenos Aires since September 9, extending deep condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Specially entrusted by Argentine President Jorge Rafael Videla and Foreign Minister Cesar Guzzetti, Director of Protocol of the Argentine Foreign Ministry Enrique Quintana wrote two letters to Chinese Ambassador Cheng Wei-chih, extending deepest condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung. Argentina's Commander-in-Chief of the Navy Emilio Massera and Commander-in-Chief of the Air Force Orlando Agosti also wrote condolence letters to the Chinese Ambassador.

Roberto Tiscornia, Chief of the Asia and Oceania Department of the Argentine Foreign Ministry, and other officials also made condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy.

Friendly personages from various circles and Chinese residents in Argentina also called at the Chinese Embassy to express their condolences.

Norway

Odvar Nordli, Prime Minister of Norway, called at the Chinese Embassy in Oslo on the morning of September 10 to express condolences on the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs Knut Frydenlund, Minister of Defence Rolf Hansen and other high-ranking officials also went to the Chinese Embassy to offer condolences.

On the afternoon of September 9, Paal Steigan, Chairman of the Workers' Communist Party (M-L) of Norway, and five members of the Central Committee of the Party called at the Chinese Embassy to pay tribute to Chairman Mao.

Other mourners calling at the Chinese Embassy included Torbjorn Farovik, Chairman of the Council of the National Norway-China Friendship Association, friendly personages of various circles and representatives of Chinese residents.

Prime Minister Nordli issued a statement on September 10 on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung. He said: "With the death of Chairman Mao Tsetung, one of the leading statesmen of this century has passed away. He was the founder of the People's Republic of China and all through his life made untiring efforts for his people and his country as a politician, an ideologist and a political philosopher, but first and foremost as the supreme teacher of his people. The transformation of this vast country and the great progress made in China during our generation are largely due to the leadership and personal efforts of Mao Tsetung."

Papua New Guinea

Albert Maori Kiki, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Foreign Affairs and Overseas Trade of Papua New Guinea, on September 22 in Port Moresby, capital of the country, expressed deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung when he received Wang Wen-lin, Vice-Chairman of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and head of the delegation for the Chinese Economic and Trade Exhibition.

He said: "I would like to express sympathy to the Chinese people for the death of Chairman Mao." "We share the grief of the Chinese people," he added.

Equatorial Guinea

President Masie Nguema Biyogo of Equatorial Guinea went on board the Chinese ocean-going freighter *Yung Ning* at Port Bata on the afternoon of September 15 to offer deep condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

President Masie together with the ship's entire Chinese crew stood in silent tribute before the portrait of Chairman Mao.

Speaking with deep grief to the ship's captain Li Chen and political commissar Chang Jui-hsiang, the President said: "Chairman Mao Tsetung is the greatest statesman of the contemporary era, the great friend of the Equatorial Guinean people." "We Equatorial Guinean people will never forget China's friendship towards the third world, towards our country in particular, and will never forget China's moral and material support to us," he said.

The President asked the captain to convey to the Chinese people his profound condolences on the passing of the great Chairman Mao Tsetung and his boundless admiration and respect for the Chairman.

Bulgaria

Tano Tsolov, First Vice-Chairman of the Bulgarian Council of Ministers; Milko Tarabanov, First Vice-Chairman of the National Assembly; Peter Mladenov, Minister, and Nikolai Minchev, Vice-Minister, of Foreign Affairs; and other officials called at the Chinese Embassy in Sofia on the morning of September 13 to express condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Bulgarian friendly personages have also paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy since September 10.

Cuba

Cuban Deputy Prime Minister Joel Domenech Benitez called at the Chinese Embassy in Havana on September 16 to extend condolences on the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Cuban Foreign Minister Raul Roa and some other high-ranking government officials also paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy the same day.

Since September 9, some 300 Cuban workers, students and employees and friends from other Latin American countries residing in Cuba have called at the Chinese Embassy to express their profound grief over the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung.

Chinese nationals residing in Cuba also paid condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy.

Soviet Union

K.T. Mazurov, First Vice-Chairman, and I.V. Arkhipov, Vice-Chairman, of the U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers, and A.A. Gromyko, Minister of Foreign Affairs, mourned the passing of Chairman Mao Tsetung at the Chinese Embassy in Moscow on September 13.

Also making condolence calls at the Chinese Embassy were representatives of Chinese residents in the Soviet Union.